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COMPOSITIONS AND IMAGING
MATERIALS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the FINAL Office Action dated November 15, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the various rejections in view of the following arguments and the enclosed **Rule 132 Declaration** that is the second Declaration presented in this prosecution to show unexpected results and patentability over the cited art.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-31 have been rejected as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,440,649 (Simpson et al.) or 6,573,033 (Simpson et al.) in view of FR 1,542,505 (Ohkubo et al., or identified as "Masuta" in the Office Action) and JP 02-048659 (Taguchi). As far as it applies to claims presently in this application, this rejection is respectfully traversed.